

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting content data over a ~~computer~~ network of devices comprising the steps:

~~providing a first interface to publishers to define~~ receiving content data objects from each of a plurality of publishers;

~~providing a second interface to a user of~~ receiving from a client device ~~computer~~ to select some of indications of two or more of the content data objects;

~~providing a third interface to the user to select~~ receiving indications from the client device of payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the indicated content data objects ~~that were selected;~~

receiving indications from the client device of a desired format of one or more of the indicated content data objects;

~~providing a switching network to transmit the content data objects that were~~ selected; and

causing initiating transfer of a portion respective portions of a payment from the user a payment account associated with the client device to each of the publishers of the indicated content data objects ~~that were selected;~~

~~processing~~ transforming the one or more of the indicated content data objects ~~that were selected for transmission~~ from respective native formats as provided by the respective publishers to the desired format ~~according to a format requested by the user;~~ and

aggregating at least some of the transformed content data objects ~~that were~~ selected in response to the request from the user.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein ~~the step of causing said~~ initiating transfer of respective portions of the payment ~~payments~~ from the ~~user of~~ payment account associated with the client device to each of the publishers is in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects ~~transmitted to the~~ user.

12 - 35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A server computer coupled to one or more content provider computers operated by ~~[[a]]~~ one or more publishers, and coupled to a client device computer operated by a user, the server computer comprising:

a first interface ~~provided to the publishers~~ to define content data objects;

a second interface ~~provided to the user to select the content data objects from the publishers;~~

a third interface ~~provided to the user to select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the selected content data objects that were selected;~~

~~a fourth interface to a switching network for transmission of the content data objects that were selected to the user upon a request from the user;~~

a formatting program that transforms one or more of the content data objects from respective native formats to a desired format;

an aggregating program that aggregates the selected content data objects ~~that were selected in response to the request from the user;~~ and

a billing program that ~~causes~~ initiates ~~[[a]]~~ transfer of a portion ~~portions~~ of a payment from the user a payment account to each of the publishers of the selected content data objects ~~that were selected in exchange for and in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects that were selected and transmitted to the user.~~

37 - 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising;

~~processing~~ transforming one or more of the indicated content data objects ~~that were selected for transmission from respective native formats to the desired format according to a type of client computing device operated by the user to access~~ accessing the content data objects that were selected.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 ~~wherein the step of causing said~~ initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the respective

~~publisher from the user~~ depending upon a type of the indicated content data objects that were ~~selected and contributed~~ by the publisher.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise automatically generated content data objects from an embedded computing device.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ computer of claim 36 ~~further comprising a wherein the formatting format program for formatting transforms one or more of the selected content data objects that were selected for transmission from respective native formats to the desired format according to the a type of a client computer device operated by the user to access accessing the selected content data objects that were selected.~~

48. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ computer of claim 36 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to the respective publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the selected content data objects that were ~~selected and contributed~~ by the publishers.

49. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ computer of claim 36 wherein the selected content data objects ~~that were selected~~ comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

50 – 55 (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) A ~~server~~ computing device for transmitting content data over a ~~computer network, the computing device~~ comprising:

a first interface ~~provided to publishers~~ for defining content data objects;

a second interface ~~provided to a user of a client computer~~ for selecting some of the content data objects ~~by a user computer~~;

a third interface ~~provided to the user~~ for selecting payment terms and conditions ~~for transmitting the content data objects that were selected by the user~~;

~~a switching network that transmits the content data objects;~~

a billing program that ~~causes~~ initiates ~~[[a]]~~ transfer of portions ~~a portion~~ of a payment from ~~the user of a payment account associated with a client device~~ to each of the one or more publishers of the selected content data objects ~~that were selected~~;

a format program that ~~processes~~ transforms one or more of the selected content data objects ~~that were selected for transmission according to a format requested from~~ respective native formats to a desired format by the user; and

an aggregating program that aggregates the selected content data objects ~~that were selected in response to a request from the user~~.

57. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ computing device of claim 56 wherein the billing program ~~causes~~ initiates the transfer of portions of the payment ~~from a user~~ to the publishers ~~to be~~ in accordance to respective contributed portions of the selected content data objects transmitted to the user.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer~~ computing device of claim 56 further ~~comprising a~~ wherein the format program for ~~formatting~~ transforms the format of one or more of the selected content data objects ~~that were selected for transmission from the respective native formats to a desired format according to the~~ a type of a client computer device operated by the user to access accessing the selected content data objects ~~that were selected~~.

60. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer~~ computing device of claim 56 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to the publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the selected content data objects that were ~~selected and~~ contributed by the respective publishers.

61. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer~~ computing device of claim 58 wherein the selected content data objects ~~that were selected~~ comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

62. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the publishers depending on at least the desired format of the indicated content data object contributed by respective publishers.

63. (New) A computing device comprising:

a publication module configured to receiving content data objects from each of a plurality of publishers;

a content selection module configured to receive indications of two or more of the content data objects;

a format selection module configured to receive indications of a desired format;

means for transforming one or more of the indicated content data objects from respective native formats as provided by the publishers to the desired format; and

means for aggregating the transformed content data objects.

64. (New) The computing device of Claim 63, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers in accordance with respective contributed proportions of the indicated content data objects.

65. (New) The computing device of Claim 64, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers depending on the desired format of the indicated content data objects provided by respective publishers.